

I would like to encourage the FCC to deny BellSouth's petition for forbearance of the Title II and Computer Inquiry rules. Accepting such a petition would reduce the ability of local internet service providers to offer real choices to rural communities. Currently, in our rural community, the local cable company, Adelphia, is not accepting new customers, the topology does not allow widespread implementation of wireless technology. This leaves only DSL as a viable option for consumers. Without competition from small ISP's customers in our community would be left with one viable option--the ILEC.

Therefore, I ask that you do not grant the BellSouth petition for forbearance in this matter.